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Additional Teams Successfully Complete QID Course

SciAutonics II, Team CalTech and Virginia Tech Join The Red Team in Completing Run of Qualifying Course

Fontana, CA – SciAutonics II, Team CalTech and Virginia Tech completely traversed the Qualification, Inspection and Demonstration (QID) course for the first time Wednesday, the third day of the DARPA Grand Challenge QID at California Speedway in Fontana, CA. A total of 16 teams attempted to navigate the course today.

“We are extremely encouraged by how more and more teams are now successfully completing the course or getting close,” said DARPA Grand Challenge Deputy Program Manager Dr. Thomas Strat. “Now that teams are becoming familiar with the behavior of their robots on the course, they can make final adjustments to their vehicles that allow them to navigate the obstacles on the QID, in preparation of the main event.”

The results of the attempts of today’s group break down as follows:

- SciAutonics II, Team Cal Tech and Virginia Tech completed the course.
- Team CIMAR , Team ENSCO, TerraMax nearly completed the course.
- Axion Racing, Digital Auto Drive, The Golem Group, Palos Verdes High School, Team CajunBot, TerraHawk partially completed the course.
- The Blue Team, Rover Systems, SciAutonics I and Team Phantasm terminated their attempts.

Final qualifiers and starting order for the Grand Challenge will be announced on Friday, March 10. The field of teams expanded to 21 today with the arrival of CyberRider, which had been awaiting parts for its vehicle.

Grand Challenge Informational, Webcast and Photo Site: www.grandchallenge.org

Satellite Feed

On Saturday, March 13, DARPA will provide same-day coverage via satellite of the Grand Challenge start and highlights at the following times:

- Live coverage of the start: 6:30 - 8:30 Pacific/9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Eastern
- Video news release: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Pacific/2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Eastern
- Coordinates: AMC 9, Ku, Transponder 03, 36 MHz, downlink frequency 11760.000, downlink polarity vertical

Photos

Photos from the QID are updated daily and can be downloaded from www.grandchallenge.org and www.tracksidephoto.com/DARPA.

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